

Conflict

Directions: Read each passage. Then circle the answer that *best* identifies the conflict the main character faces.

1. When Grak arrived on Vento-11, it was night time, and the planet's night lasted 74 Earth days. For someone who loved the sun, that was a bit hard to take. Then, when the sun finally rose, it was a pale light without much heat. Grak shivered. This was going to be a long tour of duty.

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b. external conflict: other character	d. internal conflict
2. "That's great!" I told Mom when I heard the news. She had put our names on a list for new city apartments years ago. Now one was available across town, and we could finally move out of our run-down building. But as I walked over to tell Bo, I wondered whether it really was so great. I passed the Dove Street pool, the playground, and my friends' buildings, and I didn't really want to leave any of it.

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3. "I got here first," Dan cried, trying to take control of the seat. It was the last one in the theater. "No, I did," said Ewen, trying to squeeze down onto the red velvet seat. Actually, the boys had gotten there at the same time; Dan, however, was bigger and heavier. So it wasn't long before Ewen felt himself propelled over the armrest and onto the floor.

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4. "But Jeffrey's quite ready for school," Mrs. Pearson insisted. "He taught himself to read when he was three. He can even add and subtract." The official smiled understandingly. "Unfortunately, it's the policy in all our city schools. Only students born before November 1 can enter kindergarten, and Jeffrey was born on November 3. "Why I've never heard of anything so silly!" Mrs. Pearson cried.

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